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" HEAD HUNTERS OF THE SOUTH SEAS "

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson pay another call on Nagapate, chief of the Big Numbers, the ~~xxx~~ cruellest and most savage tribe of cannibals in the South Seas. With an armed guard of experienced natives, they leave the island of Vao, sailing toward Tanemarou Bay, fifty-five miles away.

They stop at the island of Santo, ~~xxxxxxx~~ where lives a strange, small people in the same stage of development that our ancestors were thousands of years ago. There is also a heavy earthquake during their visit.

Then comes Malekula, the darkest island of the vast South Seas. Treacherous, head-hunting cannibals follow their boats along the shore and gather about them curiously when they land. How will they be received by the savages? Do they remember their previous visit of two years before? Of taking the white people captive, and their timely escape?

The Johnsons take every possible precaution as they go inland into the hills, covering the same ground where dangers had previously befallen them. They reached the capital of Big Numbers and meet Nagapate, and his wives, and visit his palace and devil-devil gardens. Then they stage a motion picture show. Posters of "Captured By Cannibals" were hung from the trees and were inspected in awe by the natives. At night a portable machine projected the film on a sheet.

The next day the sudden beating of tom-toms and increased excitement among the natives sent the Johnsons hurrying toward the shore. They then head ~~ed~~ for Lombumbubu. There they find a real tropical jungle. Only by following a beaten trail can they make their way inland, where their labors are rewarded by the discovery of a

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strange tribe of Monkey People, who live in trees and eat nuts, roots and clay.

From there they proceed to the extreme southern end of Malekula and go inland to the lair of the head-hunters, by whom they are received in sullen silence. While waiting for the other schooners they do some successful shark ~~xxx~~ fishing.

The trip inland is full of danger and excitement. They see head hunters and their trophies. They see how human heads are cured and mummified, and also the inside of a head house, where there are rows of dried heads along the rafters.

When they discover hundreds of savages executing a tribal dance they beat a hasty retreat from the treacherous and impulsive cannibals. Even the women and children ^{are} ~~xxx~~ armed with bows and arrows.

So they journey to Tomann island, where the natives bind the heads of their children then they are born so that they grow very long. They set sail for Lopevi, the most picturesque volcano in the South Seas, and which is erupting flames and smoke.

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